കഴിവുള്ള നിയമവിദഗ്ധന്മാർ ഈ നാട്ടിലില്ലേ? ഈവക കാര്യങ്ങളൊന്നും മൂടിവയ്ക്കുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാത്തതാണ്. നിയമമില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിന് ഉടനെ ഒരു നിയമമുണ്ടാക്കണം; പണമില്ലെങ്കിൽ പാഴ്ചിലവുകളെല്ലാം കുറെക്കാലത്തേക്കെങ്കിലും നിറുത്തിവച്ചു പണമുണ്ടാക്കണം. രാജ്യം മുഴുവനും കുഷ്ഠരോഗപ്രവാഹത്തിൽ ആണ്ടു പോകുന്നതു കണ്ടുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കയോ ഗവൺമെൻറിന്റെ കർത്തവ്യം? എല്ലാം നിറുത്തിവച്ചും എറ്റവും പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഇക്കാര്യം നിർവ്വഹിക്കണം. ആരോഗ്യവകുപ്പിനെക്കാളും രാജ്യത്താണ് ആരോഗ്യം വേണ്ടതു്. അതിനു തക്കവണ്ണം വേണ്ടതൊക്കെ ഉടനെ ചെയ്യാമെന്ന് ഏല്ക്കുന്ന പക്ഷം തല്ക്കാലം സമാധാനപ്പെടാം. അതിനുള്ള ദയയുണ്ടാകുമോ എന്നാണു ചോദിക്കുന്നതു്.

Motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

The Demand under Medical minus Re. 1 put and carried.

16 — Medical — Cranganur — Rs. 5,880.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 5,880 under 16 — Medical — Cranganur.

Demand put and carried.

24 — Ayurveda — Rs. 15,818.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 15,818 under 24 Ayurveda. I do not want to make a speech at all. The Hon'ble Members would have found that my demand last year was only Rs. 13,900 and that my demand this year is in excess of last year by about Rs. 2,000. The two main items of increase have been mentioned in the Finance Member's Speech and they are increased provision for the purchase of instruments and provision for the payment of an honorarium to the Superintendent of the Hospital. I request the House to grant this amount.

Motion No. 52.

Mr. T. K. Nayar:— *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,325 for supplies by Re. 1. (To request the Government to make arrangements to supply medicines to the Panchayat Vaidyasalas from the Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital.)*

സർ, തൃശ്ശൂരിൽ ഒരു ആയുർവ്വേദ വൈദ്യശാല സ്ഥാപിക്കുവാനായിട്ട് ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് നിയമസഭയിൽ അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥസാമാജികന്മാർ ഗവൺമെൻറിനോടപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിന്റെ പ്രധാനമായ ഉദ്ദേശം ഇന്നത്തെ പഞ്ചാ

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യത്തു വൈദ്യശാലകൾക്ക് ഔഷധങ്ങളുണ്ടാക്കിക്കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ്. ആ വിഷയത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറവ യോഗത്തിൽ വച്ച ഗവൺമെൻറ ചെയ്യാമെന്നോറിട്ട് ഒരു കൊല്ലം കഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. ചില വൈദ്യശാലകൾക്കുമാത്രം കുറേശ്ശ ഔഷധങ്ങൾ കൊടുക്കുവാൻ തുടങ്ങീട്ടുമുണ്ട്. അങ്ങിനെയല്ലാമാണെങ്കിലും ആ നയം ഗവൺമെൻറ് ഇനിയും തുടർന്നുകൊണ്ടു പോകുവാനുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതായികാണുന്നില്ല. 1111-ലെ ബഡ്ജറിൽ 15,800-ൽ ചിലപാനം ഉറപ്പിക ഈ വകുപ്പിലേക്കു ചിലവിടുവാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിൽ അധികപക്ഷം സംഖ്യ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർക്കും, ശമ്പളം വേണ്ട എന്നുവച്ച ജോലിചെയ്യുന്ന (ആണറേറിയം) ചില കൂട്ടർക്കുമായി കൊടുത്തു കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ 5000-ൽ ചിലപാനം ഉറപ്പികയേ മരുന്നു വകയ്ക്ക് ബാക്കിയുള്ളു. ഈ മാതിരി ഒരു വൈദ്യശാല തൃശ്ശൂരിൽ നടത്തുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു വലിയ കായ്മൊന്നുമില്ല. നാട്ടുകാർക്കു വേണ്ടി ഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്നും പണം ചിലവു ചെയ്യുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ വേണ്ടതു പ്രയോജനം അതുകൊണ്ട് അവർക്കുണ്ടാകണം. ചുരുങ്ങിയ സംഖ്യ ചിലവു ചെയ്ത് അധികം സംഖ്യക്ക് ഔഷധങ്ങളുണ്ടാക്കി അതു നാട്ടുകാർക്കുപകരിക്കുന്നതുക വിധത്തിൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും ഏർപ്പാടുകൾ ചെയ്യാൽ കൊള്ളാമെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറിനോടപേക്ഷിക്കുവാനാണ് ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതു്. ഈ വൈദ്യശാലയുടെ നടത്തിപ്പിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച ചില കുഴപ്പങ്ങളെല്ലാമുണ്ടെന്നു ഞങ്ങൾക്കേവർക്കും അറിയാം. അടുത്ത അവസരത്തിൽതന്നെ ദിവാൻജിയവർകളുടെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ ഈ ആസ്പത്രിയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച ചിലതെല്ലാം പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും ഞങ്ങൾക്കറിവുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹവുംകൂടി പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധവച്ച് ഈ ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് ഉപകാരപ്രദമാക്കണമെന്നും, ഈ വൈദ്യശാലയിൽ മരുന്നുണ്ടാക്കി എല്ലാ പഞ്ചായത്തു വൈദ്യശാലകൾക്കും കൊടുക്കണമെന്നും ഗവൺമെൻറിനോടപേക്ഷിക്കുവാനാണ് ഞാൻ ഉപക്ഷേപം അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. ചണിക്കർ:— ഇപ്പോൾ ഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്നും വലിയൊരു സംഖ്യ ചിലവുചെയ്തു രാമവർമ്മ സെൻട്രൽ ഹാസ്പിറൽ സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അവിടെ മരുന്നുകളെല്ലാം ഉണ്ടാക്കാൻ വേണ്ടുന്ന സൌകര്യങ്ങൾ ചെയ്തുകൊടുത്ത് എല്ലാ പഞ്ചായത്തുവൈദ്യശാലകൾക്കും അവിടെനിന്നും മരുന്നുകൾ കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഏർപ്പാടുചെയ്യുകയാണെങ്കിൽ രണ്ടുവിധത്തിലുള്ള ഗുണമുണ്ട്. ഒന്നാമതു് ചിലവു മുറുക്കമായിരിക്കും; രണ്ടാമതു് കൂടുതൽ ഗുണപ്രദവുമായിരിക്കും. അവിടെ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്ന മരുന്നിൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു കൂടുതൽ വിശ്വാസവുമുണ്ടായിരിക്കും. ഇപ്പോൾ കാരോ പഞ്ചായത്തിലേക്കും മരുന്നു വാങ്ങുന്ന ഇനത്തിൽ ചിലവുചെയ്യുന്ന സംഖ്യകൊണ്ട് സെൻട്രൽ ആയുർവ്വേദ വൈദ്യശാലയിൽത്തന്നെ എല്ലാമരു

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നകളും ഉണ്ടാക്കി പഞ്ചായത്തു വൈദ്യശാലകൾക്കു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാണെ
നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ബലമായി
പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— Out of deference to the well-considered opinion expressed in this Council, that the Central Ayurvedic Hospital should supply medicines to all the Panchayat Vaidyasalas, Government have accepted that decision and have ordered the authorities in charge of the Central Ayurvedic Hospital to supply the necessary medicines to the Panchayat Vaidyasalas and the task of distribution has actually been begun from last year. We are supplying all the Vaidyasalas of the State with medicines.

Mr. T. K. Nayar:— But, we don't find any provision for that in the budget.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— As regards the supply to the Vaidyasalas, since the cost is being recovered from the Vaidyasalas concerned, the expenditure does not come under the General Revenue. Hon'ble Members will be pleased to find that the amount comes under Advances recoverable.

Mr. T. K. Nayar:— If the Government have an idea of supplying medicines to these Vaidyasalas, I don't want to press my motion.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— We are doing that even now and we have provided for that.

Motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 53.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— *To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,200 for Honorarium to Honorary Superintendent. (The amount can be more usefully spent on making provision for medicine and accommodation to patients.)*

Sir, this is not the ordinary cut of rupee one but it is a substantial cut of Rs. 1,200 under the head. The reasons given before moving the cut are given here. The amount can be more usefully spent for making provision for medicine and accommodation to patients. Sir, this Ayurvedic hospital is a very popular institution. I do not propose at this stage to discuss the efficacy of the treatment that is given there. It is admitted on all hands that our people have a real faith in that system of treatment. The best test of it will be supplied by the increasing attendance that we find in this hospital. I think the moment the hospital started its work the

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average attendance was 150 to 200 which I understand has recently risen to 300 to 400 per day. Let us see whether there is any corresponding provision in this year's budget in spite of the fact that there is a prima facie increased provision of Rs. 2,000 and odd for the supply of medicines or other convenience for the patients who resort to that place for treatment. Sir, we were told that this year the Government has budgetted Rs. 15,818 as against Rs. 13,900 for the last year. This will show an increase of Rs. 2,000. But let us see how it is going to be spent. Rs. 1,950 given below is the extra expenditure provided on account of staff and equipment for the psison specialist, instrument and staff both together Rs. 750 and Rs 1,200 for the Honorary Superintendent. Then there is an increase of Rs. 750 or so under establishment. Let us see what is the amount they spend on medicine about which we are more concerned at this stage. We find only Rs. 5,000 provided under the head "medicine" in the budget. We find a provision made for a receipt of Rs. 4,000 under the head receipts under "Ayurveda". That will show that a sum of Rs. 4,000 will be realised by the distribution of medicines prepared there to the other hospitals. If that is so the amount spent on the hospital i. e., the Central Ayurvedic Hospital, will be only the balance of Rs. 1,000 a year. Now let us take the average. That will work on an average of Rs. 3 per day for medicine and this three rupees for giving medicine to 300 or 400 patients. That will work at the rate of 1½ or 2 pies a patient. As against that let us see what they propose to give as honorarium to the Honorary Superintendent. We find that a person is going to be designated as Honorary Superintendent and yet a handsome amount of Rs. 100 is proposed to be paid per month. I am sure the Government can secure the services of a full time officer for Rs. 100 or even less. I do not know whether they have decided as to who should get this amount. But I am sure they can get the services of an Ayurvedic Doctor who has passed the L. I. M. Examination in the Ayurvedic College at Madras who had undergone a period of training for four or five years. I am sure that the services of such an officer could be got for an amount much less than that provided for here. At any rate we find that this institution is getting more and more popular every year and the number of patients is also increasing. There is already a cry for opening an inpatient department in the hospital. There is not even space to sit for the people who crowd there. I submit, Sir, that amounts provided for the convenience of the people who resort there and for providing beds for inpatients would be of greater help to the ailing public. Under these circumstances I submit, Sir, that this amount of Rs. 1,200 can more profitably be spent for the purchase of medicine and provision of beds for the inpatients. I have also tabled a similar motion,

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which is also to discuss the necessity of improving His Highness Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital for the treatment of inpatients, &c. I therefore commend this motion for the acceptance of the House. The point for division that I propose to move here is the objection to the grant of an honorarium to the honorary workers. In case we pay such honorarium to such doctors it will be setting a very bad precedent also. We are now trying to reduce the number of paid officers in other Government hospitals where the honorary doctors have a better claim for honorarium. It will land us ultimately in difficulties which we cannot anticipate now. The very principle underlying the grant of an honorarium to the honorary superintendent is objected to by me.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കുഞ്ഞുരാമമേനോൻ:— ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഉദ്യോഗം മെമ്പർ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ ബലമായി പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു. വൈദ്യശാലകളുടെ ആവശ്യത്തിനുവേണ്ട മരുന്നുകളില്ലാതെ ആണാറി വൈദ്യന്മാരെ മാത്രം വച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് യാതൊരു പ്രയോജനവുമില്ല. ഈ കൊച്ചീരാജ്യത്തു മാത്രമല്ല, പുറമെയും വലിയ പ്രസിദ്ധി നേടീട്ടുള്ള ബ്രഹ്മശ്രീ തൈക്കാട്ട മൂസ്സതു് അവർകൾ അവിടെ ആണാറി സൂപ്രണ്ടായിട്ടോ മറ്റോ ഇരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. അദ്ദേഹത്തെക്കൊണ്ടു മാത്രം അതിന്റെ മുഴുവൻ പ്രവൃത്തികളും നടക്കുമെന്നു നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുവാൻ പാടില്ലാതിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ അതിനിടക്കു് ഇപ്രകാരം അനാവശ്യമായ ഒരു സംഖ്യ ആണാറി ആയി ഒരാൾക്കുവേണ്ടി ചിലവു ചെയ്യിട്ടു പ്രയോജനമില്ല. ഒരു മുഴുവൻ സമയം ചിലവു ചെയ്യാവുന്നതായ ആളെ ശമ്പളത്തിൽ നിയമിക്കേണ്ടതാണു്. ആണാറിക്കാക്കു ചിലവു ചെയ്യുന്നതിനേക്കാൾ നല്ലതു് ആ സംഖ്യയ്ക്കുള്ള മരുന്നുകൾ വാങ്ങി സാധുക്കൾക്കു കൊടുത്താൽ ഉപകാരപ്രദമായിരിക്കുമെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—Mr. President, Sir, I think it is my duty to place before the House a few more details viz., the circumstances which have led to my making a recommendation for a honorary superintendent. I have been in charge of this institution for a period of well nigh two years. It is my considered opinion that it is impossible to get on with the administrative working of this institution with the Chief Physician or with the Honorary Physician. I do not blame them. They are physicians and physicians of repute. The Honorary Chief Physician is a gentleman of interstatal renown and his services are very much in demand not only by the public of Cochin but also by the people outside. I think it would be too much to expect him to place all his time or even a major portion of it in looking into the administrative working of

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this institution. Even now Cheruthuruthi claims a good portion of his time. It is true that he visits this hospital twice a week. But there is all the difference between a person who is engaged on this kind of duty and a person who will be on the spot to watch over the work of the department. Then there is the chief physician who is today exercising supervision and who is bound to exercise supervision. Even he is only a physician pure and simple. I mean no disparagement to these gentlemen who are all very good physicians. It is seldom that they have previous experience of office-working on modern methods. There have been rules introduced by the Government for the working of this institution. Once or twice I have paid surprise visits to this institution to see whether the rules &c., are being observed. One of the results of my inspection have been noted by me. The rules were published in Kanni. I visited the institution on 20th Kumbhom 1110. I found that the cost book was not opened, no work slip had been maintained. In short most of the working rules were not being observed and even the rules which were being worked were not being worked properly. Therefore I thought in these circumstances it was my duty to represent to the Government that the working of this institution which has expanded out of all proportion to expectations should be placed in some capable hand in immediate charge of it. I chose to call that officer an Honorary Superintendent. If the objection is to use the term "Honorary" I have absolutely no objection to strike that word out and even to call him a paid officer. Although I recommended the appointment of honorary superintendent my idea was to have an officer who will form part of the establishment and who will exercise effective supervision over the administrative details that have to be worked in this department. I feel grave doubts whether it would be possible to cope with the task, with the existing hands principally because they are not very much acquainted with the task. It is in these circumstances that I made a recommendation to the Government to appoint an honorary superintendent. The apprehension that the appointment of this officer and the diversion of Rs. 1,200 from the funds will leave the institution without the necessary provision for medicine has absolutely no foundation. There is a very large supply of medicine even now. There is very great difference in the cost of medicine between the allopathic and the ayurvedic systems. So far, I have had absolutely no complaint that there is no sufficient supply of medicine in the institution. The complaint was just the other way. There are two honorary physicians working there. They have not complained. I may assure the Hon'ble Member of this House that there will be no complaint whatsoever for want of funds for medicine there and if at all there may be a slight deficiency towards the end of the year it will be a case for additional allotment for the supply of medicine, if it could not be

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met from other sources. Therefore, Sir, I submit that there is real necessity for an officer to be in immediate charge of the institution. The apprehension that there will be lack of medicine cannot and ought not to stand in the way of an officer being appointed. Government have not yet made up their mind with regard to this appointment. But this is included so that it may not be said at the end that there is no provision in the budget. Of course with respect to the necessity of expanding the other activities of the institution the Government have adverted to that fact also and if it has not made any provision in the budget it is due to the fact that it was considered that the affairs of the present institution should be placed on a more sound and satisfactory basis before expanding its activities.

Mr. T. K. Nayar:— You want a paid man to take charge of the institution but at the same time to call him an honorary superintendent. That principle we oppose. If the idea of the Government is to appoint a full time permanent officer we shall only be too glad to accept that proposal. May I know, Sir, whether he will be a qualified Ayurvedic physician ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— I have stated that it would be better if he has experience in both the allopathic and ayurvedic systems.

Mr. President:— Government would certainly have no objection to call him a full time Superintendent of Ayurveda.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— There are other considerations also, whether it is absolutely necessary to pay an officer Rs. 100. If only there is the question of management a manager on Rs. 30 or 40 would be sufficient. We are not also quite sure who is going to be appointed, whether he is an allopathic or an ayurvedic doctor. There is a world of difference between the two. If this institution is going to be placed in the hands of an allopathic doctor then woe to the Ayurvedic system. It was once in the hands of the allopathic doctors. Even now we do not know how they propose to cure all the patients. It is admitted by the Hon'ble Member for Revenue that it is growing out of all proportions and yet the Hon'ble Member is able to manage with the limited amount that is provided for medicine. Probably without medicine they will be able to conduct it. I am sure there is a real demand for opening of an inpatient ward. I would rather suggest to the Government the formation of a non-official body of ayurvedic physicians for this institution. There are very many educated men in the Trichur town who I am sure will be able to constitute a non-official body, a board which really believes in this system and which has faith in that system. You will be easily able to get educated men provided you are prepared to

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spend some money for the treatment of inpatients. Under these circumstances I think it is absolutely necessary to bring home to the Government all the points raised by me and therefore it is better we put the motion.

Mr. President:— The point of division will be the proposal of the Government to appoint a full time superintendent of Ayurveda for the Central Ayurvedic Hospital at Trichur to look after the administrative arrangements.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—In the hope that the Government would employ Ayurvedic physicians with experience and that they would try to minimise the expenditure, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

Motion was with leave, withdrawn.

The House rose for the day at 5 p. m.

A. R. MAHADEVA AYYAR,

Secretary to the Council.

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